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LEBANON MAN INDICTED FOR CROSS-COUNTRY METHAMPHETAMINE CONSPIRACY

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that JEFFREY SERRANO, 29, Lebanon, Indiana, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for Conspiracy to Possess With Intent to Distribute and/or Distribute 50 Grams or More of Pure Methamphetamine, following an investigation by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and Phelps County (Missouri) Sheriff's Department.

The indictment alleges that SERRANO was involved in a conspiracy in which he traveled to California and obtained over three quarters of a kilogram of pure methamphetamine.

On April 13, 2003, SERRANO and another individual were stopped in a

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rental vehicle in Phelps County, Missouri and found to be in possession of 753 grams of pure methamphetamine, which SERRANO was bringing to Indiana for distribution in the Boone County area.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Barry D. Glickman, who is prosecuting the case for the government, SERRANO faces a maximum possible sentence of life imprisonment and a maximum possible fine of \$4,000,000.00. An initial hearing on the indictment will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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